Englands PRAYERS TO HEAVEN FOR MERCY:

With very good instructions to all people in these dangerous times, to call to the Lord for mercy in time, exhorting every Christian to take heed they be not deceived in these dangerous times.

Psal 9. verse 13.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, consider my trouble which I suffer of them that hate me, thou that liftest me up from the gates of death.

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Pſal. 49. 1. 2.

Hear this, all ye people, give ear al
e inhabitants of the world:

2 Both low and high, rich and poo
ogether.

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1 *Timothy chap 2. vers 1.*

I exhort therefore, that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men.

MY beloved brethren, here you may understand the humble obedience that belongs to every one that doth desire to be a faithfull servant to the Lord, as you may understand by this place of Scripture, for Paul, here you may see gave Timothy a charge over the people, to let prayer be made for all men, and indéed good people, I cannot perceive but Paul did sée they was a wicked and a sinfull people, so he thought that by prayer they might be converted, but alas how many is there now a dayes that would have a sinner converted by prayer: no my brethren, we now a dayes fly too much off the Apostles rules, and the reason is, we think our wits far better than theirs, for rather then we will pray for a sinner: nay, we had rather curse them; but good people I would desire every one of you to take the same exhortation that Paul gave to Timothy, that is, to pray for all men: for if you see a drunkard, take heed of him,

but pray for him: if you see a swearer, delig
not in his company, but pray for him: if you s
a whoremonger, take heed of his wickedness
but pray for him: for you may perceive where
this place of Scripture that we ought to pray f
all men and be by Gods Grace we may prevail
for in the 5 chapter of James and the 16 vers
there you have a rule for it, why you should pra
for all men, and this is the rule, that you may
healed: pray my brethren there is great comfo
too, for every one that will pray faithfully: f
in this verse of this chapter you may find th
the prayers of the faithfull shall prevaile as p
may find it written in James 5 16. therefore
the name of God, I would desire every go
Christian to give their mind to prayer and wi
as good confidence as the Prophet David
Psalme. 62. 1. In these words, Truly my so
waiteth upon God: from him cometh my sa
vation. Indeed I would desire every good Chr
stian to have as good confidence in the Lord, a
the Prophets had: for certainly we must ha
a good confidence in the Lord if we mean to
saved, and have as much power in spirit as D
vid had, then may we boldly say as he said
Psalme. 73. 24. In these words, Thou sha
guide me with thy counsel, and afterward r
ceive me to thy glory. and in the 25 vers. the
you may see the confidence that he had in Go
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more than in man: for said he, Whome have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon Earth that I desire beside thee. Indeed good people, we ought to have no confidence in any man, but in God: which the Lord of his mercy give every man, woman and child, grace to serve him and obey him, till the hour of death: which indeed we do not know how soon it may please God to call us: Indeed we do not know how soon, it may be to night before to morrow, no man can tell when. Therefore as the Apostle said in Mark 13. 33. Take yee heed, watch and pray; for ye know not when the time is.

Indeed my brethren, you may perceive heere, that we have no time set. when the time of the coming of our Lord and Saviour shall be: therefore it is good for us all to have a care in time. for fear the Lord give us a just cause to cry out as Zion did, as you may find it written in the Lamentations 4. 4 in these words, The tongue of the sucking child cleaveth to the roof of his mouth for thirst: the young children ask bread, and no man breaketh it unto them. And in the 5 verse of this Chapter, there you may see what misery came upon these people for sin: they that did feed delicately, are desolate in the streets, they that were brought up in scarlets, embrace dunghils.

I would desire every good Christian to take

heed in time, for fear the Lord execute the very same judgment upon these Lands and Nations that we live in; for by woefull experience, too many in these times have found it too true, that the very same judgments, partly upon a great many, for in many places you may see many a brave House and Family ruinated and gone to decay, which certainly, was not altogether for their owne sins, no my brethren, I am affraid that we all stand guilty of sin. and although the Lord spare us for a time, to see if we will repent, yet certainly without true repentance, the Lord will not spare us no more then he spared Egypt, when he threatned their destruction, as you may find it written in the 32 chap. of Ezekiel, begining at the 9 verse, and so to the 12.

I will also vex the hearts of many people, when I shall bring thy destruction among the Nations, into the Countreys which thou hast not known.

10 Yea, I will make many people amazed at thee, and their Kings shall be horribly afraid of thee, when I shall brandish my sword before them, and they shall tremble at every moment; every man for his own life, in the day of thy fall. 11 For thus saith the Lord GOD, The sword of the King of *Babylon* shall come upon thee.

12 By the swords of the mighty will I cause thy

y multitude to fall, the terrible of the Nati-
ns all of them, and they ſhall ſpoyl the pomp
f *Egypt*, and all the multitude thereof ſhall be
ſtroyed.

Indeed my brethren, you may ſee here by this
ace of Scripture, that the Lord threatned the
gyptians with moſt heavy judgments for their
ns, and doe not we think that our ſins be as
eat as theirs: yes certainly, and greater too,
erefore in the name of God, let us all pray un-
the Lord for mercy, and ſurely he will hear
s, for he hath no delight in the death of the
icked: but he had rather that we ſhould turne
om our wicked wayes, and repent: and be
nverted: And indeed I would deſire every
e of you young or old, rich or poore, to doe
ur beſt endeavours to forſake your wicked
ayes, for as the Lord ſaid to Ezekiel, ſo I ſay
nto you all here preſent: Therefore O thou
n of man, ſpeake unto the houſe of Iſrael, thus
ſpake ſaying, if our tranſgreſſions and our
ns be upon us and we pine away in them, how
all we then live. Ezekiel 33. 10. here good
ople you may ſee that theſe people was afraid
at they ſhould pine away in their ſins, I but
e what comfort the Lord ſends by Ezekiel in
e 11 verſ. of this Chapter, in theſe words, Say
nto them, As I live, ſaith the Lord GOD, I
ve no pleaſure in the death of the wicked, but

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that the wicked turn from his way, and liv
turn ye, turn ye from your evill wayes; for w
will ye die, O house of Israel?

Indeed you may see here, the Lord hath no
sure that we should die in our wickednesse:
he had rather that we would turn from
wicked wayes and live: which the Lord of
heavenly mercy, give us all grace so to do: th
it may be the Lord will speak as comfortably
this Land, as he did to the Land of Israel,
these words, Therefore thus saith the Lo
GOD, I have lifted up mine hand, surely
heathen that are about you, they shall bear the
shame.

For behold, I am for you, and I will tur
unto you, and ye shall be tilled and sown.
you may find it written in the 36 of Ezeki
the 7 and 9 verses.

And indeed, I would desire you all that
here present to take notice what you hear at th
present, and the Lord of his mercy give us a
grace to make good use of it: Indeed my brethre
I would desire to move one question to you, a
that is this, in case the day of Dome was to da
which the Lord knowes how soon it may com
it may be this very hour, for any thing that w
know: what answer could we make to so lovi
and mercifull a GOD as we have: Indeed I a
perswaded that we should be very unready: n

I do beleeve that we should not be able to look him in the face, no, nor able to make an answer for the least sin of ten thousand: Therefore I desire you all to cry and call to the Lord for mercy, before it be too late: for indeed we do not know how soon the Lord will call us; For certainly there is but a few things to come to passe, which our Saviour Christ told his Disciples in Matthew 24 what should come to passe, for said he Nation shall rise against Nation and by woful experience we have seen that fulfilled in these times that we live in, and he told them that there should be false Teachers, and false Prophets and false Christs, and all this we may boldly say, we see come to passe in our days, for just such as Christ said should be, such be now: for in many places there is a sort of people that will not stick to say that they be Christ, which is most abominable that they should be suffered: the Ministers are counted by them bald Priests, and babling Fellowes: But I would desire every good Christian to have a care of them, behold I have told you be ore, Matthew 24 25. and indeed good people, there is a great many more warning peices in the Scripture, which indeed I cannot understand, but either all or the most of them are come to passe already: but onely the calling of the Jewes, and indeed we do not know how soon that may be: it may

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be now for any thing that we know, for it is n
very long since they made great preparations
come into this land, where I hope the light
the Gospell doth shine, and I hope the Lord o
of his mercy will continue it among us, while
the Sun and Moon endures: But I trust
God that he will put it to the hearts of our R
lers, that they shall never have the power to i
vade us: for they that would betray our bles
Lord and Saviour, Such as those can hard
be true to man: no, we have had fair exampl
enough before hand: I would desire you but
looke into the Booke of Martyrs, and you m
hear how most barbarously they used the Ch
stians that confessed the Gospel of Christ, a
certainly I do beleeve that they would have
more mercy on us, then they had of them, if th
had the same power, which I trust the Lord wi
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not perceive but we have Jewes enough alre
dy, for as our Saviour said, that the Fath
should be against the Son, and the Son again
the Father, so it is now, for the Father woul
sell the life of the Son, and the Son the Fath
now a dayes, and indeed I cannot perceive b
such as these be Jewes bad enough, but as D
vid said in the 59 Psalme and the 1 and 2 ver
so I would desire every good Christian to pr
as he did, and that with a true heart, and the

e the words, Deliver me from mine enemies, O
ny God defend me from them that rise up
gainst me.

2 Deliver me from the workers of iniquity,
nd save me from bloody men.

Prov 4. 1, 2, 13. Hear, ye children, the in-
truction of a father, and attend to know un-
derstanding.

2. For I give you good doctrine: forsake
ou not my law, and in the thirteenth verse,

Take fast hold of instruction, let her not
go; keep her, for she is thy life.

Which I pray God give every good Christi-
n grace to take good counsell, for indeed we
tand in great need of it: for truly my brethren
he times is just as the Prophet Isaiah said,
hould be in the 3 of Isaiah and the 5 verse.

And the people shall be oppressed, every one
y another, and every one by his neighbour:
he child shall behave himselfe proudly against
he ancient, and the base against the ho-
nourable.

And indeed just so it is now, for never was
here more oppressing both of poor and rich, and
s for the behaviour of children: I do beleeve
hat it is as plainly fulfilled as can be just now:
or let a child of twelve years of age meet a man
f fourscore, and you shall see him passe by as
roudly, as if he were not worthy to dry his

shoes,

thooes, which is a shame to see it, and indeed I must needs tell such Parents with fire which is a most heavy judgment, and doe we not think that we deserve it too: yes certainly we doe deserve as much as they: indeed the Lord hath given us many faire warning peices by fire, in many places in this Land: yet there is but small crying out to God for mercy, no longer then we either see it, or hear of it, just as a child feares the rodme longer then he is a beating: but in the name of God every good Christian pray unto the Lord night and day, that he may be mercifull unto our poore soules at the latter day and hour of death, that we may come to hear that blessed voyce of our Lord and Saviour sounding in our eare:

Matthew 25. 34. Come ye blessed of my Father, inherite the kingdome prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

And indeed a blessed sounding it is. and the Lord give us grace to prepare our hearts, so here upon earth, that we may have both our hearts and deeds, that we may be ready at the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ: therefore I would desire all to, Take heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. Mark 13. verl 33.

And once more I doe exhort you to take heed th

t you be not deceived in these dangerous
nes, for the Lord gives us a faire warning to
e heed
Matthew. 24. 4, 5. And Jesus answered and
d unto them, Take heed that no man deceive
u.
For many shall come in my Name saying,
m Christ: and shall deceive many.
Indeed this is come to passe now a dayes. for
u may see such abroad in many places: But
would desire every one of you to have a care of
em, for as Paul said in the second of Timothy
hap 3 vers. For the time will come when
y will not endure sound doctrine, but after
ir own lusts shall they heap to themselves
chers, having itch ng ears.
And indeed there is a great many of those de-
ad. but have a care of them, for certainly if
y should entangle you in their snare of delu-
n, you will not so easily get out, for they be
2 Timothy 3. 4. Traitours, heady, high-
nded, lovers of pleasures more then lovers
God.
Indeed my brethren I would desire you to
e a care of them for fear they should deceive
u, so I would desire you not to dispise them,
for certainly they be that people our Saviour
d should come, and therefore we ought not to
pise, but exhort them, and pray for them, and
love

love their person, but abhor their conditions: t
though they be a seducing people, which Chri
said should come: yet they be our brethren t
the same form and shape of man, and wh
knowes how soone it may please the Lord t
call them back againe, as he did Saul by th
high-way, therefore in the name of God, let u
pray for their conversion, for Timothy charge
the people that they should pray for all men, a
you may find it written in the first of Timoth
and the second chapter, and the first verse. t
these words: I exhort therefore, that first o
all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, an
giving of thanks be made for all men.

Indeed by this place of scripture, I canno
perceive but we must pray for them, as w
would do for our selves, which the Lord of hi
mercy put it into the hearts of every good Chr
stian so to do, and as David said in the 37 Psa
and the first and second verses, so I say to yo
all that be here present: Fret not thy selfe be
cause of evil doers, neither be thou envious a
gainst the workers of iniquity. For they sha
soon be cut downe like the grasse, and withe
as the green herb.

So here you may see, David gives us a fait
erhortation here in this Psalme that we shou
not fret at the wicked, and in the 35 and 36 v
of this Psalme there sayes David: I have se

he wicked in great power, and ſpreading imſelfe like a green bay-tree. Yet he paſd away, and lo, he was not: yea, I ſought im, but he could not be found. Here my ethren, you may perceive, that if we will t wait with patience, they will all vaniſh way in time: therefore as it is written in e 34 verſ. of this Pſalme, Wait on the ord, and keep his way, and he ſhall exalt ee to inherit the land: when the wicked e cut off, thou ſhalt ſee it. Indeed it is eſt for us all to look into our owne ſins, and y and call night & day for mercy for them, nd let us call to mind the lamentation of eruſalem: All her people ſigh, they ſeeke read, they have given their pleaſant things r meat to relieve the ſoul: ſee, O Lord, nd conſider, for I am become vile, Lamentations the firſt and the 11 verſ. and in the ver. there you may here parents, that it is ng of them: Train up a child in the way ſhould go: and when he is old, he will ot depart from it. Proverbs 22. 6. And hildren, obey your parents in the Lord: r this is right. Epheſians the 6 and the 1 nd the 2 verſes. Honour thy Father and other, which is the firſt Commandement ith promiſe, and in the 20 Chapter of Exo-

dus and the 12 verſ. there you ſhall find tha
is one of the Commandements that the Lo
commanded the people to keep, that is to ſa
Honour thy Father and thy Mother tha
thy dayes may be long in the Land whic
the Lord thy God giveth thee: for as yo
may find it in Proverbs the 19 and the 2
verſ. He that waſteth his father, and caſ
eth away his mother, is a ſon that cauſet
ſhame, and bringeth reproach. And inde
there be too many ſuch diſobedient childre
now a dayes, which the Lord of his merc
give them all grace to amend, for certain
they cannot ſay with a true heart that th
feare God, if they do not honor father an
mother, and I pray God give us all grace
amend our wicked lives, and pray to th
Lord, for feare he ſhould come upon us, as
did upon Jeruſalem, in the 20 of Ezekiel a
the 45. 46, 47. verſes. Moreover, the wor
of the Lord came unto me, ſaying, Son
man, ſet thy face toward the ſouth, a
drop thy word toward the ſouth, and pro
pheſie againſt the forreſt of the ſouth field
And ſay to the forreſt of the ſouth, Hear th
word of the Lord, Thus ſaith the Lord Go
Behold, I will kindle a fire in thee, and
ſhall devour every green tree in thee, and

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very dry tree: the flaming flame ſhall not be quenched, and all faces from the ſouth to the north ſhall be burnt therein.

Indeed my brethren, here you ſee that the Lord threatned the people with fire, here her lamentation for the miſery that the Lord had brought her to, by reaſon of her ſin, which makes her lament, in theſe words: Is it nothing to you, all ye that paſſe by? behold and ſee, if there be any ſorrow like unto my ſorrow, which is done unto me, wherewith the Lord hath afflicted me, in the day of his fierce anger. and in the 4 chap. of Lamenta. and the 6 verſ. For the puniſhment of the iniquity of the daughter of my people, is greater then the puniſhment of the ſin of Sodom, that was overthrown as in a moment, and no hand ſtayed on her.

Therefore my brethren, to draw to a concluſion, I exhort you all in the name of God to take notice of what you have heard at this preſent, and ſtrive by all meanes to make some good uſe of it, which muſt be done by prayer, and take heed of deſpiſing one another and beg night and day of the Lord, to ſend down his ſpirituall grace into the hearts of every one of us, that we may deſerve his mercy at the hour of death: and that for

Jesus Christ his sake, to whome be given as is most due: all honour power and praise both now and for ever more, Amen.

I am yours in Christ Jesus till death

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A Prayer to conclude, fit for every Christian to make use of. *Psal.* 102. 1.

Hear our Prayers, O Lord, and let our crying come unto thee.

O thou eternall and everlasting Lord God, Maker and Creator of Heaven and Earth, in whome we live, move and have our being, thou, whome the windes and Seaes doth obey: in whose powerfull hands are all the corners of the Earth, we thy poor distressed servants and children, do in all humility of spirit, send up our petitions and prayers unto the throne of thy divine Majesty, desiring upon the bended knees of our penitent hearts, that thou wilt be pleased to hear, and graciously to answer these our supplications which we make unto thee: wee do acknowledge, O Lord, that before wee could do any thing we could sin, and when we could do any thing, we could do nothing but sin; neither are we able of our selves to think a good thought much lesse to do a good deed; therefore O Lord, we cast our selves, our souls and our bodies, only upon thy mercies: therefore we beseech thee to guide us in all our actions, and to blesse our up-rising and lying down, our goings forth and our

coming in: guide our hands that they do no harme, guide our tongues that they speake no evill, guide our eares that they hearken not to every vaine talk, which tends to no good purpose: guide our eyes that they wander not after the vain delights and pleasures of this sinfull world: guide our hearts with the grace of thy holy spirit, so that every one of us may be contented with that portion that thou hast allotted for us, and not to covet and desire other mens goods, more then becoms us to do: guide our feet that they may tread in true paths of righteousnesse, which may bring us into the way to life everlasting; Moreover we pray thee to forgive us all our sins which we have formerly committed, and that we may make better use of the time to come, then heretofore we have done, and that we may love thee O Lord above all things, and our neighbours as ourselves, laying apart all hypocrisie, fraud, deceit and dissimulation, all vaine and idle talks, all cursing, swearing, and blaspheaming, all envy, pride, covetousnesse, hatred and malice, and all other uncharitable dealings: so that whilst it is thy good pleasure that we shall remaine in this transitory world, we may live in thy fear, and at the last,

all dye in thy favour, so that after this life ended, we may enjoy eternall happinesse in the kingdom of heaven, and that for the sake of thy only Son, our only Saviour, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, three persons and one ever living God, be all honour and glory, power, praise, might, majesty and thanksgiving, both now and for ever

Amen.

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